EVOLUTION OF KEPLER PLANETS

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OBSERVATIONAL CLUES



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- Is it Nature or Nurture...
- Are the differences we see in the planet population today an imprint from birth - so we can learn something about planet formation.
- Or has some-other the dominant sculpting process that is driving the differences we see today? Evaporation?

MOTIVATION FOR EVAPORATION

- EUV & X-rays can heat upper atmosphere to the ~10,000K ~ escape temperature for planets.
- High energy received for close in planets comparable to their gravitational binding energy (Lecavelier des Etangs 2007, Davis & Wheatley 2009)



A SIMPLE MODEL FOR HYDRODYNAMIC ESCAPE

- Heat-up the surface of the planet's atmosphere.
- This heated region then expands and escapes from the planet.

$$F\pi R_p^2 dt \sim \frac{GM_p dm}{R_p}$$
$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \frac{F\pi R_p^3}{GM_p}$$

 $\dot{m} = \underbrace{\eta}_{3GM_{p}a^{2}K(R/R_{roche})} L_{HE}R_{p}^{3}$ • Apart from detailed models for specific planets (e.g. HD209458b - Yelle et al. 2004; Tian et al. 2005; Garcia Munoz 2007; Murray-Clay et al. 2009...), planetary evaporation typically considered in energy limited formalism (e.g. Watson 1981 Lammer 2003, 2009; Erkaev et al. 2007 ...)

'ENERGY-LIMITED

FVAPORATION'

- Assume every photon is turned into mass-loss at some efficiency.
- Questions: What efficiency should I use? Is the flow truly energy limited? Ballistic vs Hydrodynamic ? What is LHE?



- Assume spherical divergence along streamline.
- Calculate flow solution by integrating along streamline.
- Check flow in hydrodynamic limit.
- Assume mass-loss equal over full sphere.

EUV OR X-RAYS



• EUV driven :- flow transitions to supersonic once it enters the EUV heated region

• X-ray driven :- flow transitions to supersonic in the X-ray heated region.



HYDRODYNAMIC EVAPORATION: MASS-LOSS RATES



- Mass-Loss rates increase with planet mass and radius
- Hydrodynamic evaporation becomes impossible at higher masses.
- Evaporation becomes important at low masses.
- X-ray driven dominates EUV driven at early times.

TRANSITION FROM X-RAY TO EUV DRIVEN EVAPORATION



- X-ray luminosity falls with time: I e30 erg/s at early times, I e27 at late times.
- As the X-ray luminosity falls, the flow topologies changes and transfers from X-ray driven to EUV driven.

COMPARISONS WITH THE ENERGY LIMITED `EFFICIENCY'



- In general 'efficiency' drops with increasing planet mass, (higher escape velocity + larger radius = longer flow time)
- Radial peak when escape temperature matches gas temperature at base of flow.
- For close-in exoplanets (<0.2 AU) flow is not, in general energy limited and most energy is lost through radiative processes.

NUMERICAL MULTI-DIMENSIONAL CALCULATIONS



- Developed a combined 1/2/3D (Magneto-)Hydrodynamic and Radiative transfer scheme, build using the ZEUS code.
- Plane parallel UV + X-ray radiative transfer on spherical hydrodynamic grid, based on hybrid characteristics method (e.g. Rijkhorst et al. 2005).
- Time-dependant heating and cooling; ionisation and recombination; multi-species advection.
- `Photon-conserving' so can track R & D type ionisation fronts correctly (c.f. C2RAY Mellema et al. 2006).

2D HYDRODYNAMIC MODEL

- First 2D hydrodynamic model with realistic radiative transfer.
- For Jupiter mass planet at 0.05 AU around a young sun-like star.
- Grid resolution in upper atmosphere of planet 30km << scale height.
- Pure Hydrogen, non-equilibrium thermodynamics + ionisation balance.

2D HYDRODYNAMIC MODEL



ROLE OF MAGNETIC FIELDS?



Magnetic structure near planet: dipole + stellar background

- Simple planet dipole + vertical background field from star.
- Magnetic topology perpendicular to pure hydro flow topology near planet.
- Flow highly ionized, will couple to field.
- Flow must follow field, either break dipole field topology or follow it.

ROLE OF MAGNETIC FIELDS (2)



- Jupiter Mass planet with field of
 0.1 Gauss (~low) at
 0.05 AU from a
 young sun-like star
- Flow unable to open out closed field lines. For Jupiter Mass planets B fields important...

SUPPRESSION OF MASS-LOSS BY B FIELD FOR JUPITERS



- Magnetic field suppresses mass-loss rate by approximately I order of magnitude.
- Due to fact mass-loss comes from only day side and only from poles.

AMOUNT OF FLOW SHUT OFF



- Amount of open field lines (flow) set by ratio of magnetic to thermal pressure (Kappa), for Jupiters need a field > 0.1 Gauss.
- For Neptunes need a field
 5 Gauss, so unclear
 whether low-mass planets
 will be magnetically
 controlled.

EXOPLANET EVOLUTION

- Coupled (non-magnetic) mass-loss rates to the MESA stellar evolution code (Paxton et al. 2011).
- Include bolometric irradiation from central star, solid core which can be a heat source due to heat capacity and radioactive-decay. Code modifications by Owen & Wu (2013)
- Model the evolution of a H/He envelope on top of solid core under the influence of evaporation.



JUPITER LIKE PLANETS



- Limited knowledge of initial entropy requires modelling a range of initial entropies.
- Parameterise initial entropy in terms of initial cooling time 1e6-1e8 yrs.
- Mass-loss at the <1% level for very close separations 0.025AU.

LOW MASS-PLANETS

 Initially 20 Earth mass planet with 12.5 Earth mass core at 0.05 AU



`EFFICIENCY' EVOLUTION



Initially 20 Earth mass planets at separations of 0.15, 0.1, 0.075 & 0.05 AU

 Efficiency generally decreases with time, although evolution is not in general monotonic.

 Average value of ~10% for low-mass planets qualitatively reproduces populations (Lopez & Fortney, 2013)

LOW MASS PLANETS (2)

- Low mass planets evolution driven by evaporation.
- Mass-loss strongly sensitive to separation inside ~0.2 AU
- At closest separations entire H/He can be removed.
- Mass-loss primarily sensitive to core-mass.



MAXIMUM MASS FOR LOW-MASS PLANETS



- Planet radius distribution with separation, shows lack of large planets at small separation.
- Envelope shows similar distribution to the evaporation evolution with separation.

MAXIMUM MASS FOR LOW-MASS PLANETS (2)



 Planet population with Mp<20M⊕ and rocky cores with masses 10-15M⊕ fits envelope.

 Same population also fits the density distribution of low-mass planets.

VARIATIONS WITH STELLAR

MASS



- Planets around late type stars experience higher X-ray fluxes for longer.
- Evaporation even more important around low-mass stars.



VARIATIONS WITH STELLAR MASS

- Lack of large radius planets at high effective temperatures depends strongly on stellar mass.
- However if re-scale in terms of X-ray `exposure' then lack of large radius planets coincident across all stellar types.
- Good evidence X-ray evaporation controlling evolution of low-mass exoplanets.



A GAP IN THE RADIUS DISTRIBUTION?



DENSITY DISTRIUBTION

- Unlike radius distribution expect no gap in the density (or mass) distribution.
- Naked lower mass cores or rocky planets fill in the any gap.
- Gap would be easiest to detect in radius distribution.



CORE COMPOSITION FROM GAP

- Position and structure of the gap sensitive to underlying core density
- If gap is detected in the exoplanet data can learn about core composition formation origins of cores
- However if cores contain a large spread ice fraction than gap can be washed out.



FUTURE DIRECTION

APPLICATION TO INDIVIDUAL SYSTEMS AND BEYOND.

The Kepler-36 system ^[1]				Carter et al. 2012	
Companion (in order from star)	Mass	Semimajor axis (AU)	Orbital period (days)	Eccentricity	Radius
b	4.45 <i>M</i> ⊕	0.1153	13.83989	<0.04	1.486 R ⊕
С	8.08 <i>M</i> ⊕	0.1283	16.23855	<0.04	3.679 R ⊕



- Models require 36c to have a 6.5-7.5 M⊕ core with ~ I
 M⊕ of H/He
- Models require 36b to have a core <6 M_⊕ to loose a primordial envelope.

SUMMARY

- Hydrodynamic evaporation driven by the X-rays at early times is particularly important for the evolution of Hydrogen rich low-mass planets.
- Sculpting of the observed planet population by evaporation suggests a maximum mass for low mass planets of 20 M_\oplus
- Comparison with the Kepler radius distribution suggests most planets have experienced significant evaporation during their lifetime, with up to 50% having had H/He envelopes removed.
- Future direction: Use evolution models with evaporation to infer properties of exoplanet population at birth and extend models to more exotic compositions.

3D MODELS-WORK IN PROGRESS

- Simple X-ray only 3D model, no rotation, simple cooling rate.
- ID Mdot~3ellg/s compared to 3D Mdot~ 2.2ellg/s



EVAPORATING CLOSE IN PLANETS



Low mass planets, appear to be prone to significant evaporation and possibly entire loss of their atmosphere.

X-RAY DRIVEN EVAPORATION



- · Sonic surface in constrained to within a few planetary radii
- Flow isothermal at large radius





EUV EVAPORATION



- Small sub-sonic X-ray heated region, which transitions to EUV heated region through ionization front.
- EUV rates are lower than X-ray rates, dominates for smaller planets, larger separations and lower luminosities.

